



Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

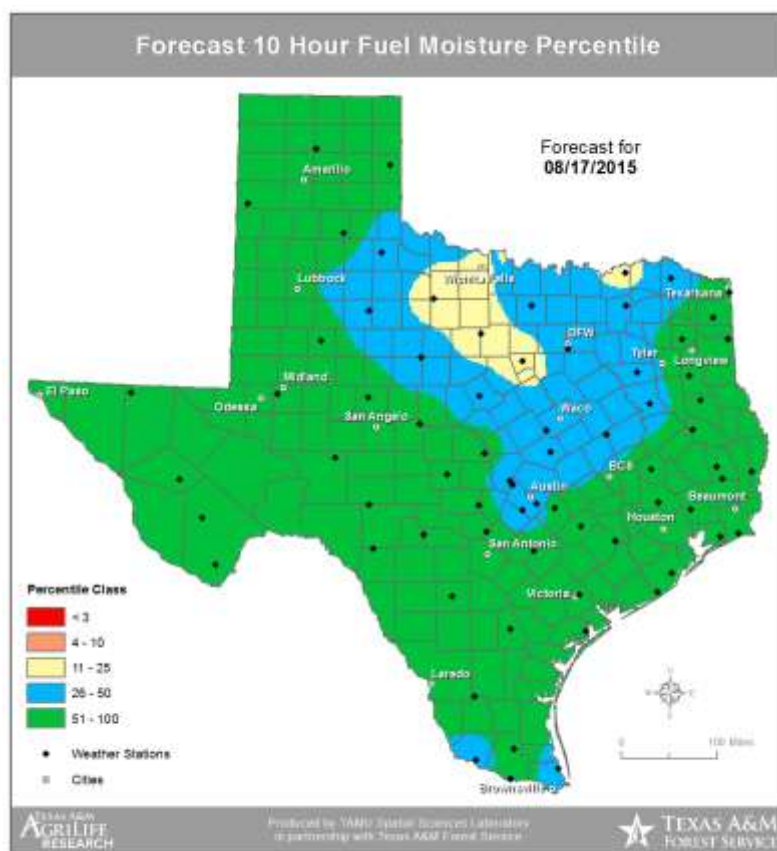
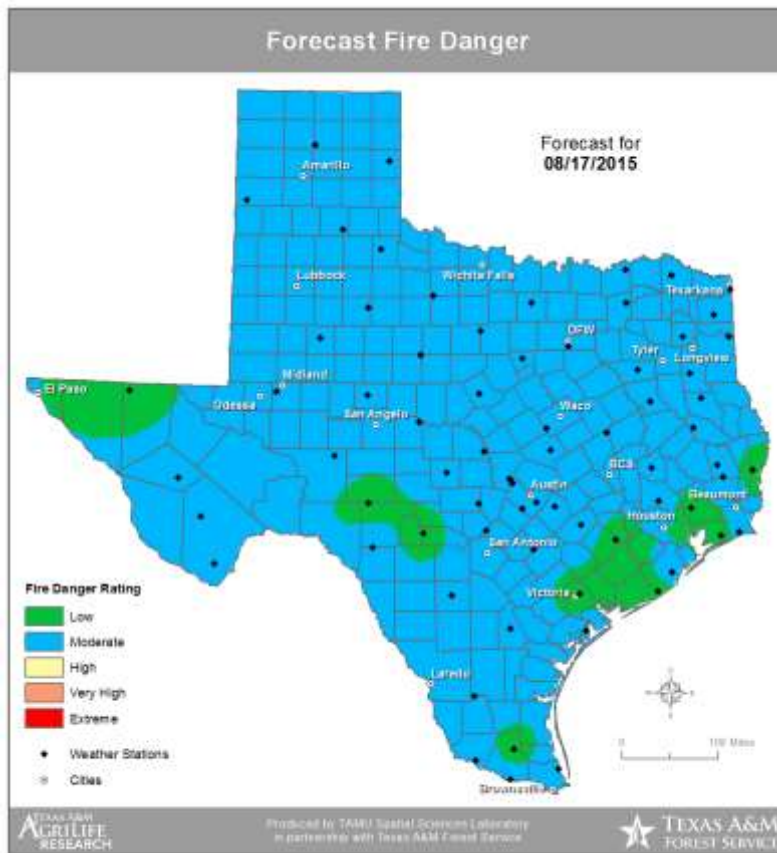
Event Name	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
Date	08/17/2015
Time	0700
Operational Period	0700 08/16/15 thru 0700 08/17/15
Report Number	6

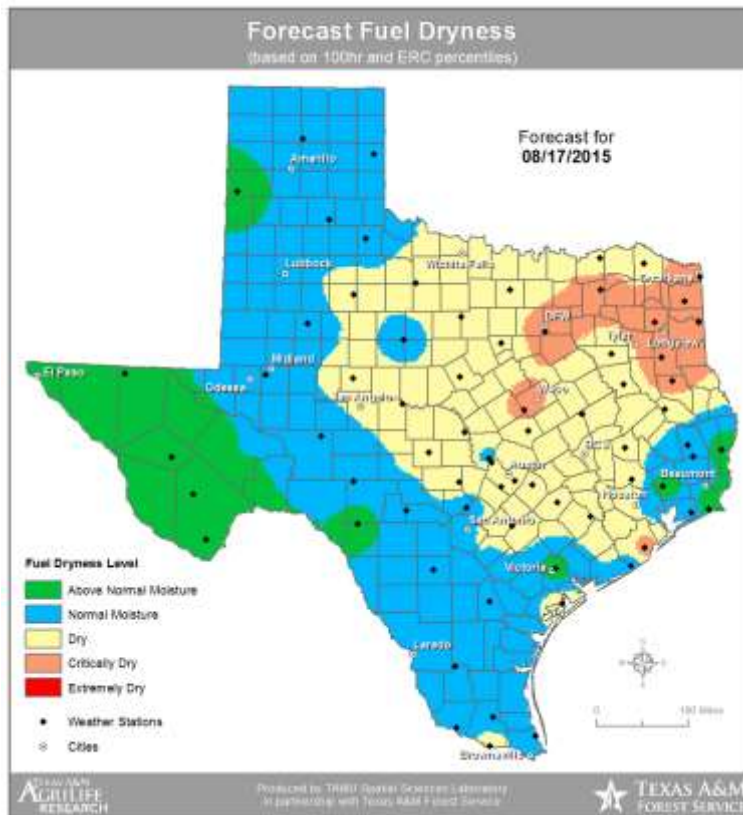
Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	3, 4 and 5
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

A dominant mid and upper level ridge over the Four Corners area is allowing a shortwave disturbance to move slowly and steadily south along the east side of the ridge. Weak convective activity is anticipated again for south-central and southwest Texas. Storm activity will eventually drift westward into New Mexico. The drought monitor shows 39% of Texas is experiencing abnormally dry conditions with 4% of the area under severe drought conditions.







Operational Priorities:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21 and 24)

DDC 24 Del Rio: (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

Edwards County:

Brown Ranch Complex Fire: The fire consumed 17,831 acres and is 100% contained. Demobilization of Task Force 3 was completed Sunday night 08/16/15. Brown Ranch Fire Command has been turned over to local control. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) Alamo All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT), Alamo Area Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), Capital Area TIFMAS, Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD), Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP), DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), American Red Cross (ARC), Edwards County Judge, Edwards County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Edwards County Sheriff's Office (SO), Rocksprings Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Pedernales Electric Company, Rio Grande Valley AHIMT, US Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) Gilmer Library and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) responded.

Val Verde County:

West Fire: The fire has consumed approximately 3,000 acres and is 50% contained. The West Fire is 24 miles northeast of Comstock. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is the lead agency.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9 and 10)

DDC 10 San Angelo: (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

Tom Green County:

Head of the River Fire: The fire which started on 08/15/15, is located 10 miles southeast of Christoval on Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 2084. The fire has consumed approximately 5,500 acres and is 50% contained. An evacuation notice was issued and a shelter has been opened at the Christoval Community Center. There are 25 homes being threatened. There was 6 inch steel insulated pipeline break located at (N31 05.285 W 100 28.211). The pipe is 3 inches below the surface and was hit by a bulldozer creating a fire break. There is currently no product flowing from the pipeline. The Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) was contacted to coordinate repairs with the pipeline owner. Christoval VFD, Wall VFD, East Concho VFD, Tom Green County Precinct #4, Tom Green County SO, Tom Green County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator (DC) San Angelo responded.

Crockett County:

Sutton Ranch Fire: The fire which started on 08/12/15 was reportedly caused by a lighting strike. The United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) provided a helicopter to map the fire area, indicating the fire at 693 acres and is 75% contained. Currently, TFS is monitoring this area and cold trailing the perimeter along the northern and eastern edges.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3 and 7)

DDC 3 Wichita Falls: (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young counties)

Young County:

Upper Tonk Fire: Started in Young County on 08/16/15. The fire has consumed 400 acres fire and is located at the intersection of State Highway (SH) 67 and Upper Tonk Valley Road (N33.3.57 by W 98.41.43). The fire is currently 55% contained, 1 structure was destroyed and 2 have been saved. Graham FD, Young County Rural VFD and TFS responded

DDC 7 – Abilene: (Includes: Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Comanche counties).

Echols Fire: Started on 08/15/15 in Stephens County consumed 22 acres and is 100% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS
REPORTS

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Highway Patrol is assisting with traffic control.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS has a total of 58 dozers, 10 engines and 3 motor graders available statewide. TFS is responding to numerous fires and assisting local fire departments.

Fire Name	County	TFS Assets	Other Agency Assets
Sutton Ranch	Sutton	1 dozer, 1 engine, 9 personnel	NA

Aviation Assets: 2 SEATs; 1 Type 3 Helicopter; 1 Air Attack

Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):

Strike Team 1 (Austin Area)	
Austin FD	Command
Georgetown FD	Type 6
Lake Travis Fire Rescue	Type 6
Leander FD	Type 6
North Lake Travis Fire Rescue	Type 6
Oak Hill FD	Type 6
Round Rock FD	Type 6
Strike Team 2 (San Antonio Area)	
Bulverde-Spring Branch FD	Type 6
District 7 Fire Rescue	Type 6
New Braunfels Fire	Command & Type 6
Schertz Fire	Type 6
San Antonio	Type 3 & 6 (1 demob)
Strike Team 3 (Houston/Midland Area)	
Big Spring FD	Type 6
Galveston FD	Type 6
Midland FD	Command & Type 6
Montgomery Co ESD #1	Type 6
Northeast Fire & Rescue	Type 6
Helicopter (Austin Area)	
STARFlight	Type 2

A STAR was received TIFMAS Engine Strike Team (Type 6) to be staged in Ozona for assignment to combat wildfires in Crockett and Val Verde Counties.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is providing fuel for TFS vehicles and monitoring roadways in fire impacted areas.

Texas Military Forces (TXMF): Two Blackhawk helicopters are on standby and scheduled to demobilize Monday evening 08/17/15 unless an extension is requested.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC remains engaged in feeding, sheltering and canteen operations.

Region	County	City	Location
3	Edwards	Rocksprings	First Baptist Church 500 Uvalde Road
4	Tom Green	Christoval	Christoval Community Center

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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